

Seeds Sold by NSC

*627. SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA
KUSMARIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price fixed by the National Seeds Corporation for yielding varieties of seeds are too high and beyond the reach of poor farmers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure reasonable prices for the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Downstream Industries

*629. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal to set up a number of downstream industries at the time of sanction of HBJ pipeline of natural gas;

(b) if so, the list of industries to be set up with anticipated date of their completion;

(c) the estimated utilisation of their installed capacity;

(d) whether any of these industries have

since been set up; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-
ANAND): (a) to (e). When the HBJ Pipeline was initially approved it was to supply gas to six fertilizer plants. The requirement of gas for these fertilizer plants. The requirement of gas for these fertilizer plants was expected to start between October 1986 and October 1988, and to each of them the allocation is 1.8 MMSCMD. Three of these plants have already been commissioned.

[Translation]

Petroleum & Natural Gas Industries in Bihar

*630. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH
YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petroleum and natural gas industries functioning in Bihar

(b) the production made in these industries during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up more such industries in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-
ANAND): (a) In the central public sector there is one oil refinery and two LPG Bottling Plants in Bihar.

(b) The quantity of crude oil processed in the Refinery and LPG filled in the Bottling Plants during the last three years is as under:—

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Crude oil processing in Refinery (Million Tonnes)	2.964	2.416	2.262
Filling of LPG Cylinders (TMT)	36.83	42.45	44.36

(c) and (d). There is no such proposal at present.

Sick Oil Wells

*631. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted regarding the sick oil wells in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the modern technology has been applied for the revival of those wells;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government have signed any agreement with any other country for revival of those wells; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (d). ONGC contrarily monitors and reviews the status of oil wells. It undertakes workover operations in respect of sick wells on a regular basis. In this regard the best available technology is used. A Task Force set up by ONGC in December 1990, also made an analysis of sick wells in the Bombay off shore, Western onshore and eastern region.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

Gas Reserves in Tripura & Assam

*632. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas reserves have been discovered in off-shore areas of Tripura and Assam;

(b) if so, the details along with the capacity of each of those gas reserves; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the discovery and development of such gas reserves.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (c). Tripura and Assam do not have any offshore region. However, onshore recoverable reserves to the extent of approximately 10.6 billion cu. mts. of gas in Tripura and approximately 150.5 million tonnes of oil and 147.8 billion cu. mts. of gas in Assam have been established.

Probe Into Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

6687. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: